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Pro-Sandinist Paper Identifies 13 As Agents for C.I.A. in Nicaragua

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MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Nov. 6 — A pro-Sandinist newspaper today published the names of 13 people who it said were Central Intelligence Agency members now attached to the United States Embassy here, prompting a strong protest from the Reagan Administration.

The newspaper, Nuevo Diario, listed a total of 40 people that it said were United States intelligence officers who had worked in Nicaragua in recent years. It gave a brief biography of each of the 13 people who it said were C.I.A. employees still assigned here.

The chargé d'affaires at the United States Embassy, Roger R. Gamble, delivered a strong vocal protest to the Nicaraguan authorities this afternoon in which he described the publication as "an act of provocation," and warned that several of those named had already received death threats.

The Nicaraguan Ambassador to Washington, Arturo J. Cruz, was called in by the State Department this morning and, according to United States officials, was reminded that the Nicaraguan Government was responsible for the safety of all foreign embassy personnel stationed here.

A Low Point in Relations

The incident was seen here as marking a low point in United States-Nicaraguan relations, which have deteriorated steadily since President Reagan took office last January.

In recent months, the United States has accused Nicaragua of arming Salvadoran guerrillas and unnecessarily building up its own army. Many Nicaraguan officials are convinced that the Reagan Administration is intent on undermining the two-year-old Sandinist revolution, both economically and politically.

United States officials here linked today's publication in Nuevo Diario to last month's visit here by Philip Agee, a former C.I.A. agent who has frequently published the names of people identified by him as C.I.A. employees stationed in different regions of the world.

"The Nicaraguan Government's support for Agee while he was here gives us

grounds to protest to them that their willingness to countenance his activities led to this," an official said. "And this is a provocative act."

The official said that Washington was considering temporarily evacuating the families of embassy officers named today, but those on the list would not leave. "We're not going to run," an official noted.

Nicaraguan officials denied today that the publication had been coordinated with Mr. Agee. They said Nuevo Diario had merely published a news agency report from Costa Rica on its own merits.

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